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January 26, 1968

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: STEPHEN JAFFE, Investigator

RE: MRS. TEO BRILLIANT, (Supposed friend of MAY BRUSSELL)

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After my initial interview with JIM ROSE, I directed ROSE to go to San Francisco and discuss his knowledge about anti-Castro operations and CIA operations with Mr. WILLIAM TURNER. ROSE did so and in early January 1968, was given the assignment to investigate MRS. TEO BRILLIANT who resides in Santa Barbara.

Upon Mr. ROSE's investigation of Mrs. BRILLIANT, ROSE found that Mrs. BRILLIANT is the same person who resided in Carmel and had contacted May BRUSSELL recently in 1967 in regard to personal matters. Mrs. BRILLIANT offered her help to Mrs. BRUSSELL in researching a specific part of the assassination which MAY BRUSSELL was told to study for your office. Mrs. BRUSSELL investigated that portion of the case having to do with the White Russian community in Dallas, and allowed Mrs. BRILLIANT to aid her in this research. After MAY BRUSSELL visited New Orleans and gave her information to the office, she flew back via Dallas to California. In Dallas Mrs. BRUSSELL was stopped, detained at the airport, and all of her brief case and its contents were searched and portions of the contents confiscated.

The following information was obtained by JIM ROSE in Santa Barbara:

MRS. TEO BRILLIANT [redacted], 40 years old, who lives in an apartment in Santa Barbara at 317 East de LaGuerra, Apartment #2. In the same building there is an office of a company known as "Islands Timber Company", which is a wholesale lumber company.

The original owner of Islands Timber Company was killed in a United Airlines air crash in Salt Lake City in 1965. His name was HAMILTON VON BRETON, His travel was mostly involved with two cities. One city in Europe which JIM ROSE did not know of; and another was Mexico City. He did most of his travelling between Santa Barbara, Mexico City and one city in Europe.

When ROSE inquired at the Islands Timber Company office in this apartment building about the possible wholesale purchase of some lumber, he was told that there was no sale of lumber made to anybody, and that there was no public sale ever intended by this company.

TEO BRILLIANT, who is supposedly listed in CLAY SHAW's notebook, also writes poetry and does French translations under the name of TEO SAVORY. She is solely financed by a billionaire who resides in Santa Barbara named KEN MAYTAG. (See attached)

While MAYTAG is a permanent resident of Santa Barbara, his car bears Arizona License plates, and MAYTAG once wrote a poem called "Flagstaff".

Mrs. BRILLIANT, who writes under the name TEO SAVORY, works for the Unicorn Press, a non-profit organization which is owned and financed by KEN MAYTAG. (See attched for the Unicorn Press book list)

TEO BRILLIANT is married to a man named ALLEN BRILLIANT and they have been married ten years. Mrs. BRILLIANT is 15 years Mr. BRILLIANT's senior. JIM ROSE's final analysis of this company is that it is some sort of Central Intelligence Agency front and that KEN MAYTAG is the same KENNETH P. MAYTAG who was called upon by several anti-Castro Cubans to solicit funds for anti-Castro invasions. ROSE mentioned also that Mrs. TEO BRILLIANT has made several trips to Mexico City the dates of which ROSE is trying to determine by further investigation.